

# Evaluation of measuring HIV-1 viral load in self-sampled blood.

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Pending
<b>Health condition type</b>	Viral infectious disorders
<b>Study type</b>	Observational invasive

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON56653

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

Measuring HIV-1 viral load in self-sampled blood.

### Condition

- Viral infectious disorders

### Synonym

HIV infection

### Research involving

Human

### Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Universitair Medisch Centrum

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Ministerie van OC&W

## Intervention

**Keyword:** HIV-1, self-sampling, viral load

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

- Agreement in viral loads between:
  - o self-sampled HemoLink and conventional viral load measurement.

### Secondary outcome

- Sample quality (volume and clots)
- User friendliness scores
- Laboratory logistics

## Study description

### Background summary

The majority of people living with HIV in the Netherlands who are receiving treatment for it are in good and stable health. Nevertheless, they are usually seen at the outpatient clinic twice a year for an appointment with their HIV treatment team and for monitoring of HIV in their blood. For people with well-treated HIV and stable health, an appointment with their treatment team once a year, alternated with a self sampled blood test at home after 6 months, to determine the amount of viral load could be sufficient. On the one hand, this would save people living with HIV time and effort, and on the other hand it would lead to efficient use of the limited resources available for HIV care. However, it is unclear whether self-sampling of blood at home to determine the amount of viral load is practically feasible and reliable enough. Proposed research aims to answer these questions.

### Study objective

The objectives of this study are:

- 1) Assessing the user-friendliness of a self-sampling technique.
- 2) Assessing the quality of the self-collected sample (volume and composition).
- 3) To estimate the degree of agreement between viral loads in the

self-collected sample and in the conventional hospital-collected sample.

## Study design

Validation study with single routine clinic visit at Amsterdam UMC:

- Regular visit to HIV outpatient clinic & conventional viral load measurement
- Consenting participants are provided with the system for self-sampling of blood.
- Participants are asked to self-sample at home and send the sample to the laboratory on the same day.
- Participants are asked to complete a brief questionnaire about convenience of the self- sampling technique.

## Study burden and risks

Risks are minimal. Home-based self-sampling is safe with clear instructions. Filling in a brief questionnaire about the user-friendliness of self-sampling is of minimal burden..

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## Trial sites

### Listed location countries

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

Elderly (65 years and older)

### Inclusion criteria

In order to be eligible to participate in this study, a subject must meet all of the following criteria:

- adult (aged  $\geq 18$  years) living with HIV
- speak Dutch or English
- provide written informed consent

We will include 2 groups of participants. Additional inclusion criteria in the 2 groups are:

1. Prolonged viral suppression group (n=14):

- stable on ART
- viral load suppressed for more than 2 years
- without comorbidities requiring more than one clinic visit per year

2. Persistent low level viremia group (n=30)

- receiving ART
- known to have low level viremia (200 -400 copies/ mL range).

### Exclusion criteria

- No informed consent

## Study design

### Design

**Study type:** Observational invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Treatment

## Recruitment

NL  
Recruitment status: Pending  
Start date (anticipated): 01-04-2024  
Enrollment: 44  
Type: Anticipated

## Medical products/devices used

Generic name: TassoOne Plus  
Registration: Yes - CE intended use

## Ethics review

Approved WMO  
Date: 06-03-2024  
Application type: First submission  
Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

## Study registrations

### Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

### Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

No registrations found.

## In other registers

Register	ID
CCMO	NL83917.018.23